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REMARKS**Present Status of Patent Application**

Claims 1-20 were previously pending, of which claims 1-3 and 11-13 have been amended and claims 4 and 14 has been canceled to more clearly define the claimed invention. Further, the specification and the drawings have been amended to correct some typographical errors and minor informalities. It is believed that no new matter adds by way of these amendments made to the claims or specification, or otherwise to the application. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-20 patently define over the prior art of record.

Response to Objection to the Drawings under 37 CFR§1.83(a)

In objecting to the drawings, the Office Action indicated that the drawings must show every features of the invention specified in claims. Therefore, the "butt hinge" in Claim 1, the "affixing device" in Claims 2 and 3 must be shown or the features canceled from the Claims.

In response thereto, Applicants have amended the drawings (FIG. 4) as shown a separate accompanying sheet. After entry of the amendments, it is believed that the above objection can be overcome. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Response to Objections to the Specification

In objecting to the specification, the Office Action indicated that through out the specification, --complicate--should be -complicated-. Appropriate correction is required.

In response thereto, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informalities, and accordingly corrected the specification. After entry of the above amendments to the specification, it is believed that the above objections can be overcome. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Response to Claims Objections

In objecting to claims, the Office Action indicated that Claim 12 is objected to because of the following informalities: --pate--should be -plate--in line 1. Appropriate correction is required.

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In response thereto, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for pointing out the informalities, and accordingly corrected the specification. After entry of the above amendments to Claim 12, it is believed that the above objections can be overcome. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Response to Claims Rejections under 35 USC§102

The Office Action rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), as being anticipated by Matsuoka et al. (US-6,104,451).

In rejecting claims 1-20, the Office Action indicated that Matsuoka discloses in FIG. 2, a liquid crystal display monitor with esthetic back which is substantially similar to the claimed invention, and therefore Matsuoka anticipates the claimed invention.

Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the above rejections as set forth below. Independent claims 1 and 11 are not anticipated by Matsuoka for at least the reason that Matsuoka fails to teach, suggest or disclose every features of the claimed invention as defined in claims 1 and 11.

More specifically, Matsuoka substantially fails to teach, suggest or disclose a liquid crystal display monitor comprising "a back cap, having a planar outer surface, the back cap covering the back housing, wherein the back cap includes a metallic material", as required by claim 1; and

a back cap comprising a plate body, having a shape conformal to an appearance of the screen body, the plate body having an outer surface being planar, wherein the plate body includes a metallic material", as required by Claim 11. The advantage of the back cap being made of a metallic material is that at least the LCD panel can be well protected from any electromagnetic interference. Thus both the quality and the reliability of the LCD device can be effectively promoted.

Instead, the back cap 1020 of Matsuoka which is deemed to be equivalent to the back cap 230 of the claimed invention by the Examiner is in fact made of a resin material (please see Col. 3, lines 41-42). In other words, Matsuoka fails to teach, suggest or disclose a back cap of a LCD panel made of a metallic material. Matsuoka in col. 14, lines 60-65 discloses that it is possible to reduce the mount of electromagnetic waves passing through the gap by making the size of the

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gap equal to the size of the small holes formed in the shield panel. Therefore, it is clearly indicative that Matsuoka teaches away from using a metallic back cap to prevent electromagnetic interference.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Matsuoka cannot anticipate the claimed invention as defined in claims 1 and 11.

Claims 2-3, 5-10 12-13 and 15-20 depend from independent claims 1 and 11, respectively. Therefore, claims 2-3, 5-10, 12-13 and 15-20 are not anticipated by Matsuoka for at least the same reasons.

In addition, these dependent claims contain features that further distinguish over the cited prior art. For example, claims 9-10 and 19-20 recite a protection film covering the outer surface of the back cap. Clearly, Matsuoka does not teach or suggest such protection film.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

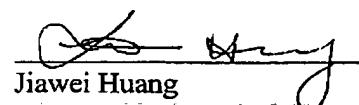
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-20 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

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